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The cited document was recently cited in a Korean Search Report, which is dated April 28, 2003, issued on a foreign counterpart application, and may be deemed relevant for that reason. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The Search Report also cites EP 0 120 771, which was cited to the USPTO in a previous disclosure statement.

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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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